

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 607
By Newton

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Goldie Wattenbarger.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Goldie Wattenbarger, is one such person who has given 50 years of dedicated service to the *Cleveland Daily Banner*; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Bradley High School, Mr. Wattenbarger served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II; and

WHEREAS, following his service in the Marines, Mr. Wattenbarger worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority, and after a transfer to T.V.A.'s Knoxville office, he sought employment at the *Cleveland Daily Banner*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wattenbarger began his illustrious tenure with the *Daily Banner* on March 10, 1948, as a classified advertising salesperson; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Mr. Wattenbarger became a partner in the *Cleveland Daily Banner*, and during this time, Mr. Wattenbarger steadily advanced from the position of Advertising Manager to General Manager, then from Associate Publisher to Publisher in 1973; and

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WHEREAS, in 1973, Goldie Wattenbarger became a member of the Tennessee Press Association, where he would later serve on the Tennessee Press Association Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, the Society of Professional Journalists; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wattenbarger is extremely active in the Cleveland community as evidenced by his membership in the Lions Club, of which he served as Tail Twister, and as President; he has also been a member of the VFW since 1950, serving as District Commander and as Commander of the James Blankenship Post, Number 2598, serving as a member of the Tax Equalization Board in 1959, serving as Chairman for three years; he was also appointed in 1974 to the Cleveland City School Board by the Cleveland City Commission (Council); and

WHEREAS, in 1974, he joined the Broad Street United Methodist Church and became a member of the Kelley Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wattenbarger's has also been recognized for his unflagging support of many noteworthy organizations, including the United Way, the Chamber of Commerce, and the March of Dimes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FO THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and recognize Goldie Wattenbarger for 50 years of dedicated service to the *Cleveland Daily Banner* and the good people of Cleveland, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.